(c) if so, what is the total number of schools set up so far in the State of Punjab;

(d) the total number of training programmes conducted to the persons from the State of Punjab at the national level;

(e) to what extend it has been beneficial for the Punjab; and

(f) what were the funds allocated to Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. However, a Road Safety Committee was set up in the year 1982 which had inter-alia, recommended that the Government may set up Model Traffic Training Schools for training drivers and conductors. Accordingly, the Government had set up a National Institute of Road Safety. The recommendation of the Committee was also circulated to the States.

(b) to (f) This falls within the jurisdiction of the State Governments and the details are not available.

Four Laning of Sirhind-Jalandhar Highway

1311. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India had undertaken the widening of Sirhind-Jalandhar section of National Highway-1 with four laning in Punjab;

(b) what is the total amount allocated for this project and the amount spent so far;

(c) what is the progress made in implementing the scheme;

(d) by what time widening of the National Highway will be completed;

(e) whether authorities implementing have pointed out that the allocations made will not be sufficient to complete the work; and

(f) whether the time schedule of completion of these projects i.e. March, 1994 will be adhered to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Expenditure upto March, 1993 is Rs. 7087 lakhs.

(c) Progress upto March, 1993 is 91%.

(d) The work is targetted to be completed by March, 1994.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Yes, Sir.

Allocation of Funds for the Development of National Highways in Punjab

1312. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether requirement of the funds for the maintenance and repairs of the National Highways has gone up since 1968 onwards;

(b) what is the amount of increase;

(c) what is the extent of increase in traffic on these highways;

(d) what is the amount allocated so far during 1992-93 and 1993-94 in respect of National Highways in Punjab; and

(e) what was the amount allocated and spend for the maintenance on National Highways in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requirement of fund for maintenance and repairs of National Highways has gone up from Rs. 10.77 crores in 1968 to Rs. 350 crores at present.

(c) There has been a general increase in traffic on National Highways which varies from 5 to 9 per cent annually depending upon their location.

(d) The amount allocated for development of National Highways in Punjab for 1992-93 was Rs. 2800 lakhs and for 1993-94 is Rs. 3600 lakhs.

(e) Position of maintenance and repairs funds in case of Punjab is as under:—

Year	*Funds allotted* (Rs. in lakhs)	*Expenditure*
1992-93	638.97	625.74(upto 2/93)
1993-94	497.38	47.07(upto 4/93).

Development of Guwahati-Shillong-Silchar Highway

1313. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on the diversion route of the Guwahati-Shillong-Silchar highway between Mawiong and Sohryngkham has started;

(b) whether financial allocation has been made and if so, the amount thereof; and

(c) by when the diversion will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The diversion of Guwahati-Shillong-Silchar highway between Mawiong and Sohryngkham forms the proposed Shillong bypass. The alignment of the bypass has been approved. The land acquisition estimate is being processed for sanction. There is a budget provision of Rs. 25 lakhs for the purpose in the Demand for Grants for 1993-94. Since the land is yet to be acquired, it is too early to indicate the date of completion of bypass.

Unauthorised Construction of Shops at National Highway-35 in West Bengal

1314. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1942 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th March, 1993 and state:

(a) what are the details of the existing guidelines for construction along the National Highways;

(b) what are the details of the directions issued by Central Government to State Government of West Bengal in so far as removal of encroachments at National Highway No. 35 at Bongaon City, District 24 Paraganas, West Bengal indicating the date on which such directions were issued;

(c) whether Government have fixed any specific time schedule within which the removal of encroachments mentioned above is to be completed if so what is the status of encroachments as on date; and

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of concerned Government officials are involved in and responsible for encouraging such encroachment, if so, whether any enquiry is proposed to be conducted against the guilty and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The existing guidelines cover details such as width between building lines and control lines, measures for control of ribbon development and removal of encroachments.

(b) As per the information received from the State Govt. of West Bengal in March, 1993, no unauthorised construction along the National Highways are being permitted by the State Public Works Department. The encroachments on NH-35 at Bongaon City are on private land and as such are not the concern of National Highways Authorities.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Fitting of Speed Governors in Redline Buses

1315. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi High Court has directed that speed governors be fitted in all Redline buses of Delhi to limit the maximum speed to 40 kmph, within three weeks from 30th June, 1993;

(b) if so, whether the said directive of the Delhi High Court has been complied with by 21st July, 1993; and

(c) if not, the reasons for flouting the High Court's ruling ?

THE MINISTER STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The High Court was informed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi that at the time of issue of permits the Transport Department ensured that each bus was fitted with speed governor adjusted at 40 kms. per hour. Subsequently some of the operators tampered with the calibation and drove or/and allowed to be driven at a speed more than 40 kms. per hour. Such violations are prosecuted by the Enforcement Wing by the Transport Department. The High Court was informed that 875 Redline buses had obtained a certificate of speed governor afresh from the Burari Inspection Pit of Transport Department till 27-7-1993.

Construction of Express Highway in Haryana

1316. SHRI S. S SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to con-